

# **Reception newsletter** Spring term 1

**Welcome back to a new term and we hope you had a lovely Christmas. A big thank you from all the staff for the lovely Christmas gifts we received. They were very much appreciated**

This half term we are following the theme of 'Planet Earth' and we will be exploring some of the different environments that people and animals live in. Our big question is 'Where in the world would you like to live?' We will be reading Lost and Found, Owl Babies and Monkey Puzzle as our main reading spine. If you have been on holiday, anywhere other than Suffolk, we would love to share any photos of the area you were visiting. Please only send in copies as they will be used in our floor book.

## Clothes

Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day and a pair of wellies as it is getting colder and we do still play outside. Also, please make sure your child has a spare set of clothes in school to change into in the event that they get wet or have any accidents. We have been using our spare clothes but are now running low on supplies. We will need to ring home if there are no spare clothes available.

## Tapestry

We still appreciate any observations from home – it's always nice to see the learning that occurs outside of school.

## How to help at home

It would be great if you could help to teach your child how to turn their clothing the correct way round when it is inside out, especially arms of jumpers and coats!

Please encourage them to do up their own zips on their coats.

## Homework

It is important that you share reading books with your child regularly ( 3-4 times a week) and write in the diary so that we know when it has been done. *'Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading'*(Clark and Rumbold, 2006)

The green books will continue to have the sounds they have been learning and the rest of the homework will be in their exercise books.

**This half term we will also be gardening and starting to prepare our vegetable bed. We would be grateful if you could donate any seeds, bulbs or soil for this.**

**We will also be cooking again this term as this is an activity the children enjoy and covers different aspects of the curriculum from maths to language. We ask for a voluntary donation of £3 please to help cover the cost of ingredients. Thank you in advance.**

